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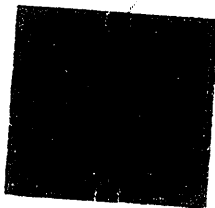
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Delegations are to work with no more than
the three copies in the Secretariat Library.
There will surely be a demand for a full
distribution of these documents. Possibly
the Secretariat intend to meet it themselves
by re-printing.

3. The impending request for "all
Government publications concerning Palestine"
is horrifying. Mr. Mathison is preparing
a short list of selected papers which
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be offered in addition to those referred to
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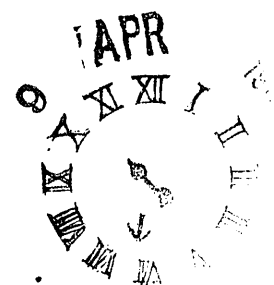
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1. PALESTINE - IMPOSITION OF MARTIAL LAW

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(Previous Reference: C.O.S. (47) 44th Mtg., Min. 4)

THE COMMITTEE considered a Report by the Joint Planning Staff prepared in consultation with the G.O.C. Palestine on the measures necessary for maintaining law and order in Palestine during the next six months, having special regard to the possibility of the imposition of martial law over the whole of the country.

SIR JOHN CUNNINGHAM said he was concerned that in the Report by the Joint Planning Staff it was stated that the imposition of martial law over the whole country would result in a demand for a great increase in military staffs, whilst previously the Chiefs of Staff had advised the Cabinet that there were sufficient forces in Palestine to fight either the Jews or the Arabs but not both simultaneously. Unless some further explanation was made, it might appear that the previous advice of the Chiefs of Staff had been misleading.

In discussion, it was pointed out that if martial law was declared, large numbers of troops would be employed on static duties cordoning off certain areas, whilst, in addition, the military authorities would become entirely responsible for the administrative and smooth running of the economy and social life of the country. The High Commissioner and the Civil Administration would be withdrawn and would have to be replaced by a Military Governor and a large military administrative staff. This situation, therefore, was different from that envisaged in the past in that the task at present was to eliminate a small number of dissident Jews, whilst at the same time the commercial life of the country in which the majority of the inhabitants were loyal had to be preserved. These conditions made the task considerably more complicated than would have been the case had the task been conditioned as previously envisaged.

SIR THOMAS LLOYD, referring to paragraph 16 of the report, explained that any delay in the execution of sentence after sentence had been pronounced, afforded the defending lawyers an opportunity to make an appeal and so cause further delay in execution of sentence. Legal advice was being taken regarding the method of lodging and dealing with appeals to the Privy Council, but even if a satisfactory solution to this aspect could be achieved, an appeal based on the Royal Prerogative could not be avoided. Thus, there remained a form of appeal whereby delay could be caused. The only way in which a legal delay could be avoided was for military courts to be given the power of ordering immediate execution of sentence, but he doubted whether the granting of such powers was legally defensible or politically acceptable, except perhaps in cases where terrorists were caught committing an act of war against the British armed forces.

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- After "be" insert "successfully".

- Delete last sentence and substitute -
"It does not necessarily follow that
on another occasion the restrictions
would be confined to these, or for
that matter, that all these
particular restrictions would be
imposed."

- Delete "cooperation with the police,"
and substitute - "taking on their own,
steps against the terrorists,"

- Delete "on no account should such considerations be allowed to influence the appeal. The effect throughout Palestine....." and substitute - "we assume that such considerations would not be allowed to influence the appeal, since the effect throughout Palestine....."

- Delete "are closed" and substitute -
"centres are cordoned off".

- Delete "as at present".

- Delete "a burden for the administration"
and substitute "the additional burden
of administering the country".

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(viii) Paragraph 10, 2nd sub-paragraph:

Delete last sentence and substitute -
"The assumption of such a burden
would require a great increase in
military staffs, since it would
invest the War Office and the
G.O.C. with the entire administration
of the country."

(ix) Paragraph 10:

Add at end of paragraph a new sub-paragraph
to read - "These conditions are entirely
different from those under which we
previously advised the Cabinet that our
existing forces in Palestine would be
sufficient to fight either the Jews or
the Arabs but NOT against both
simultaneously."

(x) Paragraph 12, 2nd sentence:

Delete "half the Yishur area" and
substitute - "an area containing about
300,000 Jews, i.e., half the Jewish
population".

(xi) Paragraph 12

Add at end of first paragraph -
"and a large number of troops were
tied down on static duties".

(xii) Paragraph 12, 2nd sub-paragraph, line 1:

After "The restrictions were", add -
"in the view of the local authorities".

(xiii) Paragraph 13:

Add new paragraphs (c) and (d) as follows -

"(c) As a result of (b), a tendency
to drive those Jews who become
unemployed into the ranks of
the dissidents.

(d) Alienation of the Arabs in the
districts affected."

(xiv) Paragraph 14(a), 2nd line:

Delete "for a limited period",

(xv) Paragraph 15, lines 4 and 5:

Delete "is not liable to challenge"
and substitute - "cannot be challenged
successfully".

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(xvi) Paragraph 15, penultimate line:

Delete "economy" and substitute -
"the economy of the country".

(xvii) Paragraph 18(b), line 1:

Delete "The application of"
and substitute - "The intensification
of the present".

THE COMMITTEE: -

(a) Approved the draft report at Annex to
the Report by the Joint Planning Staff,
as amended in discussion.

(b) Instructed the Secretary to circulate the
approved Report+ to the Cabinet over
their signatures.

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FACTORS

Present attitude of the two communities in Palestine.

5. Jews. In present conditions the great majority of the Jewish community denounce terrorist outrages but are not so far prepared to lay specific information against individuals. The Hagana and Palmach are quiescent and are even showing small signs of co-operation with the police, which may increase and become more effective. Their potential for committing outrages is considerable and whether they swing for or against lawful government is an important factor.

All Jews are rabid on the subject of immigration and say that if the quota was increased they would be more inclined to co-operate with us. An increase in the quota, however, would be taken as a sign of weakness by Jews and Arabs and also by the personnel of the administration and armed forces. There is, moreover, no guarantee that an increase in the quota would result in greater co-operation.

The Irgun and Stern are still violently anti-British and will always be so. They wish to force us to employ sterner measures which can be represented as punitive against the community, thereby swinging moderate opinion against us and obtaining more recruits for themselves. If the Dov Gruner appeal fails, and if his execution and that of the four others sentenced to death is ordered, an excuse will be made for a new outbreak of extremist action. On no account should such considerations be allowed to influence the appeal. The effect throughout Palestine of any appearance of weakness as a result of threats or violence would be deplorable. It must be emphasised that this trouble-making element numbers no more than 6-7000 or about 1% of the total Jewish population of the country.

6. Arabs. At present the Arabs are causing no trouble but they are quick to resent any consequences to themselves of measures taken against the Jews.

Conditions governing successful anti-terrorist action.

7. The object of military operations in Palestine is to assist the civil government in maintaining law and order. This is achieved by exerting continuous pressure throughout the country including:-

- (a) Anticipatory action against terrorist outrages.
- (b) Helping the police to apprehend terrorists by cordoning-off and searching areas.
- (c) Searching for caches of arms and ammunition.

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PALESTINE - IMPOSITION OF MARTIAL LAW

Draft Report by the Chiefs of Staff

We have thought it advisable before proceeding with this paper to explain the meaning of "martial law" and "statutory martial law".

2. Martial law means the transference of responsibility for administration of the law and government of the country from the civil to the military authorities. The conditions of military administration need not be more severe than under civil administration.

Martial law may be imposed under circumstances of rebellion, insurrection or riot amounting to a state of war. Unless martial law is imposed throughout the country, the way is open to challenge its justification by reference to the Civil Courts which will remain in operation in those parts of the country not under martial law.

3. Statutory martial law is the name given to the exceptional powers which can be assumed by the Crown in Palestine under authority of Article 6, Palestine (Defence) Order-in-Council, 1937. These powers cannot, we understand, be challenged in the courts.

Under Supplement No.2 to the Palestine Gazette Extraordinary No. 1558 of 2nd March, 1947, the powers then assumed took the form of restrictions applied within certain areas of Palestine and enforced by the military arm. These restrictions were as follows:-

- (a) Suspension of all government and public services.
- (b) Closure of Post and Telegraph Offices, and suspension of telephone services.
- (c) Withdrawal of customs, port and railway facilities.
- (d) Stoppage of movement of persons or supplies in or out of the areas, except for foodstuffs and special cases under permit.

There is no reason why on another occasion these particular powers, rather than others, should be assumed.

AIM

4. The aim of this paper is to report on the measures necessary for maintaining law and order in Palestine during the next six months, with special reference to the possibility of imposing martial law over the whole of the country.

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JOINT PLANNING STAFF

PALESTINE - IMPOSITION OF MARTIAL LAW

Report by the Joint Planning Staff.

As instructed we have prepared, in consultation with the G.O.C. Palestine, a report on the measures necessary for maintaining law and order in Palestine during the next six months, with special reference to the possibility of imposing martial law over the whole of the Country. We have not consulted the Colonial Office or the High Commissioner for Palestine.

2. Our report, at Annex, is in the form of a draft appreciation from the Chiefs of Staff to the Cabinet.

(Signed) J.F. STEVENS.
J.H.N. POETT.
G.H. MILLS.

Ministry of Defence,

25TH MARCH, 1947.

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An essential feature in suppression of terrorism is the co-operation of the civil population both in laying information against terrorists and in refusing them refuge.

The headquarters of terrorist organisations are mostly in Jewish centres of population, particularly Tel Aviv. If these are closed the terrorists are cut off from their bases and kept on the run, which not only makes it easier for them to be caught but limits their ability to commit outrages.

8. Favourable conditions for combating terrorism can, therefore, be created by:-

- (a) Isolating nerve centres of terrorist activity.
- (b) Interrupting communications which are essential to the planning and committing of outrages.

COURSES

9. To assist in combating terrorism and to maintain law and order in Palestine during the next six months, the following courses are open to us:-

- (a) To impose martial law over the whole or part of the country.
- (b) To impose and maintain statutory martial law in certain areas for a long time.
- (c) To continue as at present the civil government, taking every advantage of the immense powers of the High Commissioner under Defence Emergency Regulations, including the imposition of statutory martial law when and where required.

Course (a) - martial law

10. If martial law over the whole country were to be imposed in a sufficiently restrictive form to contribute towards anti-terrorist operations, it would be a severe and unjust burden on Jew and Arab alike, and it would be damaging to the country. If this resulted in the Hagana and the Arabs taking armed action against us this would seriously increase our military commitments.

If severe restrictions were not included, martial law would not contribute towards anti-terrorist operations and the military authorities would just the same be required to accept a burden for the administration which the civil authorities were better qualified and organised to bear. The assumption of such a burden would require a great increase in military staffs and would involve the War Office and the G.O.C. in the entire administration of the country.

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11. The imposition of martial law over a part of the country might equally result in an unjustifiable and undesirable punishment of the Arabs. It would, moreover, create a most complex problem of a divided administration of the country between the civil and military authorities. Finally, as is pointed out in paragraph 2 above, its justification could be questioned in the civil courts in other parts of the country.

Course (b) - Statutory martial law.

12. Past experience of statutory martial law. In March 1947, half the Yishur area of Palestine was sealed off for a limited period by restrictions as shown in paragraph 3 above. The effect on the Jewish community was considerable. The restrictions involved them in great financial loss and unemployment rapidly became acute. Not only employers, therefore, but organised Jewish labour realised the need for avoiding the imposition of restrictions by stopping the terrorist outrages. Against this, however, the administration suffered loss of revenue.

The restrictions were lifted at the psychological moment, and it is probable that their imposition did not, therefore, cause any drift from the Hagana to the dissidents which might well have occurred if they had been kept on for much longer.

There is evidence that the Jewish community within the area that was restricted are very apprehensive of the re-imposition of statutory martial law. There are signs of greater co-operation from them and a limited amount of information continues to be given to the police. Seventy-eight extremists were apprehended during its duration and since then others have been apprehended as a result of its operation.

13. Imposing and maintaining statutory martial law for a long time. Favourable conditions for operations against terrorists might well be created in those areas in which statutory martial law was instituted. On the other hand, to maintain it for any considerable length of time would, owing to the severity of its effects on the civil population, result in:-

- (a) Turning the Jewish community against us and thereby decreasing the co-operation which they give us.
- (b) Crippling the economic life of a large section of the community and the country as a whole.

Course (c) - Continuance of present civil government.

14. The High Commissioner already possesses under the Defence Regulations immense and ample powers to place at the disposal of the G.O.C. Included in these powers are:-

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(b) Ability to establish summary military courts.

16. With regard to (b) above - the establishment of summary military courts - there is no doubt that delays in executing sentences have caused a grave decrease of confidence in our firmness of purpose and have provided encouragement to the terrorists. During the period of statutory martial law summary courts were set up in the restricted areas. These courts were empowered to deal summarily with certain specified offences and awarded punishments up to six months imprisonment or £100 fine. The High Commissioner has authority under the Defence Regulations to establish similar courts throughout Palestine, whether or not statutory martial law is enforced. The existence of such courts would, in our view, be a substantial contribution to the maintenance of law and order, particularly if their powers could be extended to the death sentence for specified offences and if provision were made to prevent the possibility of legal delays in the execution of the sentence.

CONCLUSION

17. We conclude that the best course to follow is the last - i.e. the continuance of the present civil government. This course is the most flexible, its operation can be regulated to cause the minimum suffering to the Arabs, it avoids the administrative dislocation and disorganisation which must result from martial law and it can be effective against terrorists, if the present powers of the High Commissioner are exercised to the full.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

18. We therefore recommend that the measures taken to maintain law and order in Palestine during the next six months should include:-

- (a) The continuance of civil government, including the wide exercise of the powers already held by the High Commissioner.

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- (b) The application of continuous military pressure against terrorists throughout the country.
- (c) The re-imposition for limited periods, when and where necessary, of statutory martial law in appropriate areas.
- (d) The introduction of special summary military courts to deal with specified offences. These courts should have the power of awarding the death penalty and provision should be made to prevent legal delay in the execution of the sentence.

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Palestine: Resolution Regarding Terrorism

Mr Mathison
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to Mr Bealey.
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H. Bealey 9/14
It would depend very much on how the resolution was framed. I should have doubted whether it could have been claimed that in the interim period (i.e. from the meeting of the Special Assembly to the time when any law to give effect to the result of an Assembly recommendation is put into force) the continuance of terrorism is an offence to the U.N. but I should have thought the Special Assembly (without too much use of language of 'deterrence') could have been asked to pass a resolution declaring in general terms the character of terrorism in Palestine. After all, almost everyone does deplore it (but it would be wrong to think we are merely implying that it made the task of the administrative authority more difficult; that would certainly make a nonsense of the recommendation).

I think it is the kind of point on which Sir G. Clayton and the U.S. Govt (through Lord Larnach) might be consulted.

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As Mr. Martin and I are going to New York, I think it is unnecessary to telegraph. We could take with us copies of the tel. from Jerusalem of Mr. Morrison's minutes and of Mr. Martin's letter.

H. Beeley 14/4

At Mr. Bulbin's request, I now submit a draft to Mr. Lawford. In view of the discussion at this afternoon's meeting (held after the draft was dictated), it may be necessary to amend paragraph 3. But I am afraid that the introduction of a separate resolution by the U.K. Delegation may make it more difficult to prevent Arabs or Jews from starting their own hares, and the special session might then be considerably prolonged.

H. Beeley 15/4

In P.P. Mr. Martin - C.O. to Mr. Beeley
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My dear Buley,

I enclose a copy of a telegram from the High Commissioner for Palestine in which he suggests that an effort should be made at the Special Assembly of the United Nations on Palestine to secure the passing of a resolution investing the status quo with United Nations sanctity and making it clear to men of violence in Palestine that acts of terrorism will from now on be counted against them as an affront to the United Nations themselves. He makes this recommendation not so much because of the effect such a resolution would have on the extremists but because it would enable the "National Institutions" of the Yishuv, without loss of face, to take positive steps to curb the "dissidents".

This telegram has not yet been considered departmentally here or by my Secretary of State but I am sure that we shall very shortly be seeking your views on the possibility of extracting such a resolution from the Special Assembly without dangerously expanding the scope of its deliberations. I therefore send you a copy of the telegram in order that you may make such preliminary investigations as seem advisable.

Yours sincerely,
W. M. R. R. R.

H. BEELEY, ESQ., C.B.E.

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TO S. OF S., COLONIES.

D. 4th April, 1947.
R. 4th " " 22.55 hrs.

No. 731 Top Secret and Personal.

Apart from considerations of continual loss of life and property caused by terrorist activities, of which you are fully informed, it is a matter of constant concern to me as to how long it will be possible to keep the civil administration in being under conditions which security demands have imposed on the civilian element in this country. A foretaste of the difficulties we may have to face in the future has already been evident in a number of refusals and cancellations received from individuals who have been offered appointments in Palestine, and I am sure that these can be ascribed not to lack of courage but because it is not possible to allow wives here at the present and quite naturally, the civilian element is not prepared to face disruption of family life. Clearly, this is a state of affairs which cannot go on indefinitely and should be terminated at the earliest possible moment and the means of doing so is ever in mind of this Government. As long, however, as murders continue and public kidnapping exists, nothing can be done. Locally, the only method by which situation can be restored completely is through the Jewish community themselves and though as yet any measures taken by them against terrorism have consisted more of words than of deeds, there have, in fact, been instances of direct action, and, though they are not as yet considerable, they appear to be on the increase, no stone will be left unturned here to give this movement more impetus, though success which may be obtained is still problematical as is the rate at which it will proceed.

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2. It had, therefore, occurred to me that it should be possible politically to make use of the coming meeting of Assembly of U.N.O. to encourage accelerated action against terrorists by Jewish community. What I had in mind was that U.N.O. should make some declaration in regard to interim period before a solution is found, which would have direct reference to violence in Palestine. I would suggest that it might take the form of investing status quo with U.N.O. authority. (Corrupt group) statement further acts of violence in Palestine would therefore be directed against U.N.O. and could only have the effect of prejudicing interests of the community concerned when matter comes up for final decision. Although this may not have much effect on Jewish terrorist groups themselves, I feel it would undoubtedly strengthen the hands of those in the Jewish community who are most against them and wish to take more action and free them from constant accusations by extremists that by taking action they would help Britain in spite of her present immigration policy. It would, furthermore, act as a salutary warning to the Arabs. I can see, of course, the risk that bringing up this matter at U.N.O. might develop a situation where a full scale discussion on the Palestine problem (particularly on immigration) could not be avoided. I would suggest, however, that it would be infinitely better to accept problematical political disadvantages which such a course might bring about, rather than to miss what appears to be now the sole chance of bringing peace to this country in the interim period, and ending of the heavy toll in British lives we are paying. Ends.

Distributed to:-

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Sir T. Lloyd
Mr. Thomas
Mr. Martin
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Downing Street,
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11 April, 1947.

17, dear Beelen

It has now been possible to give further consideration to the suggestion in telegram No. 731 of 4th April from the High Commissioner for Palestine, of which Mathieson sent you a copy on 8th April, that an effort should be made at the Special Assembly of the United Nations to secure the passing of a resolution investing the status quo in Palestine with United Nations authority and making it clear to the terrorists that further acts of violence will be counted against them as an affront to the United Nations.

We feel that the suggestion is a valuable one and that a declaration from the United Nations on these lines would be of the greatest assistance to the administration in Palestine. The extent, however, to which it will be possible to give effect to it can only be judged at the actual meeting of the Special Assembly and in the light of circumstances then prevailing. If, for example, it seemed that an attempt to obtain such a resolution from the Assembly would give rise to an undesirable general discussion, it might be possible, as an alternative, to induce the President to include a statement on the subject in his general remarks, without leading to a debate.

If you agree, we suggest, therefore, that a copy of the telegram should be communicated to Cadogan with

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the request that he will consider the extent to which effect can be given to the High Commissioner's suggestion during the session of the Special Assembly.

I take the opportunity to mention that I reported to the Secretary of State what you had told me of Sir Orme Sargent's conversation with Sir Edward Bridges and that he agrees that, for the present at any rate, we should not proceed with the suggested approach to Brook. The question of the representation of H.M.G. during the discussions of the ~~fact~~-finding Committee, which we expect at the Special Assembly to appoint, can be further considered when the course of future procedure becomes clearer. Meanwhile, it is agreed that the Colonial Office should be represented (probably by myself) at the session of the Special Assembly and that for the succeeding stages we should secure the attendance of an expert from the Palestine administration in addition to Colonial Office representation during at all events the early stages of the Committee. We are writing to the High Commissioner about this and suggesting the release of MacGillivray (now an Under Secretary in the Jerusalem Secretariat) for the purpose.

Yours sincerely,
J. M. Jackson

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Draft. LETTER

Mr. V.G. Lawford,
M.V.O.
United Kingdom
Delegation,
New York.

(From Mr. Butler)

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C.O. for signature

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FOREIGN OFFICE,
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18th April, 1947.

I enclose a copy of Jerusalem telegram No. 731 to the Colonial Office, in which the High Commissioner expresses his anxiety about the situation in Palestine between now and the conclusion of the discussion in the September Assembly, and suggests that we might try to secure from the special session of the Assembly some declaration which would help him to keep the country quiet. The High Commissioner suggests that the declaration might be designed to invest the status quo in Palestine with United Nations authority. *While we wish to give the High Commissioner all possible help, we do not think that it would be wise to put forward a resolution in such broad terms as the High Commissioner proposes. Any reference to the status quo would invite a debate as to what the phrase means in this context. The Zionists, through whatever spokesman they are able to find in the Assembly, would maintain that the status quo means the Mandate as it was implemented before 1937. The Arabs would claim that it means a total prohibition on the entry of Jewish immigrants into Palestine until a decision as to the country's future has been reached. It is most unlikely that we could persuade the Assembly to accept by implication our own definition of the words without examining these other interpretations.*

3. There is also the similar objection that we do not wish to enlarge the agenda of the special session. On this ground, the Colonial Office are inclined to agree with us that it might be better to attempt to meet the High Commissioner's wishes by some other means than the initiation


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4. I think the extent to which the U.K. Delegation is able to take action on the High Commissioner's suggestion can best be judged in the light of the situation which develops at the special session. Meanwhile, however, I should be grateful if you would consider the possibilities, and let me know whether you think anything might be done with a view to easing the situation in Palestine and reducing the anxieties of the Administration during the next few months.



of the Charter and the procedures envisaged in it,

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2. While we wish to give the High Commissioner all possible help, we do not think that it would be wise to put forward a resolution in such broad terms as he proposes. Any reference to the status quo would invite a debate as to what the phrase means in this context. The Zionists, through whatever spokesman they are able to find in the Assembly, would maintain that the status quo means the Mandate as it was implemented before 1937. The Arabs would claim that it means a total prohibition on the entry of Jewish immigrants into Palestine until a decision as to the country's future has been reached. It is most unlikely that we could persuade the Assembly to accept by implication our own definition of the words without examining these other interpretations.

3. There is also the similar objection that we do not wish to enlarge the agenda of the special session. On this ground, the Colonial Office are inclined to agree with us that it might be better to attempt to meet the High Commissioner's wishes by some other means than the initiation of a separate resolution dealing with the present situation in Palestine. Thus it might be possible to incorporate in the resolution establishing the proposed Committee a paragraph deploring terrorism as utterly inconsistent with the principles of the Charter and the procedures envisaged in it, and expressing the hope that the problem will not be complicated by any resort to violence during the period of the Committee's deliberations. Alternatively the President of the Assembly might be induced to include a passage on this subject in his closing speech or on some other suitable occasion.

4. I think the extent to which the United Kingdom Delegation is able to take action on the High Commissioner's suggestion can best be judged in the light of the situation which develops at the special session. Meanwhile, however, I should be grateful if you would consider the possibilities, and let me know whether you think anything might be done with a view to easing the situation in Palestine and reducing the anxieties of the Administration during the next few months.

V. C. Lawford, Esq., M.V.O.,
United Kingdom Delegation,
New York.

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FROM Mr. Monslow

No.

P. Q.

Dated

14 March, 1947

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10 April, 1947

Eviction of Arabs and Jews in Palestine

MR. MONSLOW asked how many Arabs and Jews, respectively, have been evicted or received eviction notices in Jerusalem, Haifa, & Tel Aviv during last three months.

MR. CREECH JONES gave particulars of Arabs and Jews who have been evicted or received eviction notices in Jerusalem, Haifa, Tel Aviv during last three months.

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Parliamentary Question

47. Mr. Monslow,—To ask the Secretary of State for the Colonies, how many Arabs and Jews, respectively, have been evicted or received eviction notices in Jerusalem, Haifa and Tel Aviv, during the last three months.

Lab.
Baroness Amery

ANSWERED 3 APR 54
REPLY ATTACHED.

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NOT FOR ORAL ANSWER

FO. ARE NOT ANSWERED TO

JERUSALEM (EVICTION NOTICES)

Mr. Monslow asked the Secretary of State for the Colonies how many Arabs and Jews, respectively, have been evicted or received eviction notices in Jerusalem, Haifa and Tel Aviv during the last three months.

Mr. Creech Jones: The numbers of persons who have been evicted or received eviction notices during the past three months are:

			Arabs	Jews
Jerusalem	None	1,118
Haifa	80	737
Tel Aviv	None	439

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FROM

London

No.

Washington

Dated

15/12/47

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15/11/1947

10/11/47

Political Situation.

State terrorist outrages are being prominently
and frequently featured in news broadcasts.
The latest report is a report that British
are frequent references to 'terrorist camps'
and 'terrorist' as a general term.
The arrival of 4000 German ships.
The further commitment of the British
to Palestine situation.

Last Paper.

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BRITISH EMBASSY.

WASHINGTON 8. D. C.

18th March 1947

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Ref: 15/132/47

Dear Department,

Terrorist outrages in Palestine are being prominently and frequently featured in news broadcasts. While the slant is not as a rule anti-British, there are frequent references to "concentration camps" and the outrages are represented as diversions to cover the arrival of illegal immigrant ships. There is somewhat less speculation about the United Nations side of the problem, although some reference has been made to the legal difficulties foreseen by the U.S. Government in the proposal for an ad hoc Committee. Meanwhile some fifteen U.S. delegates, led by Rabbi Silver, have gone to Palestine to participate in the meetings of the Zionist Actions Committee.

In the Senate, the new Republican Senator from New York, Mr. Ives, made a maiden speech on Palestine on 7th March. He said that the proposal to put the problem to the United Nations offered little hope of a constructive solution because the Assembly would not meet until September and a body representing fifty-five nations with a membership of several hundred, most of whom were unfamiliar with the problem, could not itself be expected to evolve a solution. It was, he said, as yet unknown whether Britain intended to invoke Article 14 or Article 77 of the Charter; if the latter, the presence of Britain and the Arab countries as "states directly concerned" would make difficulties. He did not think the proposal for an

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Eastern Department,
Foreign Office,
London, S.W.1.

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The Arab Office in Washington is being searched by the F.B.I. The State Department represent this as a routine check on a foreign agency, but the Arab Office reads a more sinister motive into the move, pointing to a declaration by Congressman Sabbath (D., Chicago) that he was responsible. Last year Sabbath accused the Arab Office of being connected with the German-American Bund and financed by the British Embassy.

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M. K. K. K.

No. 10.

to M. K. K. K.

8 April 1947

Views on Palestine

Encloses copy of letter from M. K. K. K.
to the Haganah referring to correspondence
(E 7868/4/31) of 1946. Also that he
may be enabled to present and outline
his suggestions during the session of U.N.
at Lake Success.

Last Paper.

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Letter to the Haganah

References.

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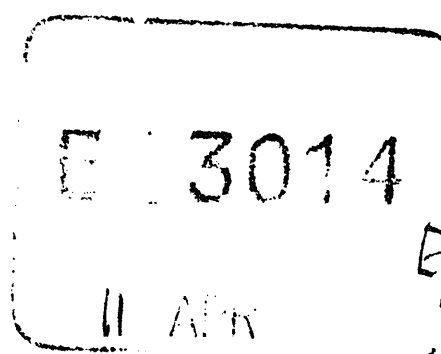
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Please see the attached letter, sent in original, from Mr. H. Salomons. Perhaps you would take it over and send him any reply that may be necessary? Our last communication from you on the subject was dated October 15, 1946, reference E.9868/4/51.

J. L. Kozan

8 April, 1947.

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His Excellency,
The Prime Minister,
10, Downing Street,
Whitehall.

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*Draft. letter to
Shannon, the
Hague.*

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Dear Shannon,

*Our letter no. E 9868/4/31
of the 25th October 1946.*

*Mr. Salomons has now
written to the Prime Minister
again. We enclose a copy of his
letter, and with these
acknowledge it, unless you see
objection to doing so, explaining
that his suggestion is impracticable.
Yours ever,*

Eastern Dep.

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The Chancery,
British Embassy,
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U K Tel.

New York.

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10 Apr 1947

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Palestine and U.K.

Refn 7.1.68 (E 2931/46/31) Italy. It
 seems advantageous to release as soon as possible
 particulars about probable size of our delegation
 to special assembly. This may guide other
 countries to restrict their delegations to similar
 packed. Also when possible to release information
 re 1000.1 of tel under ref.

Last Paper.

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References.

(Print.)

(How disposed of.)

Tel. New York.

1109.

11 April

(Minutes.)

New Dept. (Mr. Clark?)

We spoke on this yesterday and I
 see that the information has been released
 here. I assume you have telegraphed New
 York.

H. Bealey

12/4

yes. And Mr. Mackenzie who is
 now in the country told me yesterday
 that he released the information in
 New York on the 11th on receipt of
 my tel of which I attached a copy. He had
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DEPARTMENTAL No.1.

FROM NEW YORK TO FOREIGN OFFICE.

(From Permanent United Kingdom Representative to
the United Nations).

No. 1135

D: 5.19 p.m. 10th April, 1947

10th April, 1947

R: 11.55 p.m. 10th April, 1947

Repeated to Washington (Saving).

IMMEDIATE.

Your telegram No. 1068.

Following for News Department.

It seems to us advantageous to release as soon
as possible particulars about the probable size of our
delegation to the Special Assembly on Palestine.
This might guide other countries to restrict their
delegations in similar fashion. Can you therefore tell
us when we can release the information in paragraph 1
of your telegram under reference?



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Telegram.

No. 1109.

(Date) 11th April/47

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Following for Mackenzie from Nash:

Your telegram No. 1135

We are releasing for publication
immediately information in paragraph 1
of our telegram No. 1068. We are not at
present giving names.

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No.1109

11th April, 1947.

D. 2.00 p.m. 11th April, 1947.

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Following for Mackenzie from Nash: Your telegram No.1135.

We are releasing for publication immediately information in paragraph 1 of our telegram No.1068. We are not at present giving names.

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Minute

4/11/47

April 9, 1947

Resolution and U.S.
 State Dept. Apr 7 & 8 report from
 Jerusalem that newspaper has reported a
 spokesman for Permanent British Leg at
 Lake Zurich saying that Britain, though
 ready to consider any recommendations by
 General Assembly, might not be bound by
 them. Also information.

Last Paper.

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 New York.

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[Palestine and the United Nations]

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U.K. Delegation,
New York.

No ~~5~~ 1097

Date April 9

Cypher

Sept. no 2

by C.O.

~~11.13.~~ 9/4

The Times of the 9th April carries a report from Jerusalem that the newspapers there have "reported a spokesman for the permanent British delegation at Lake Success saying last Friday that Great Britain, though ready to consider ^{by the General Assembly} any recommendations (for Palestine), might not be bound by them."

2. The source ~~for~~^{of} this report appears to be the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

3. May we deny it?

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DEPARTMENTAL NO:2.

FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO NEW YORK

(To Permanent United Kingdom Representative
to the United Nations).

No:1097
9th April 1947

D.6.20 p.m. 9th April 1947

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IMMEDIATE

[Palestine and the United Nations].

The Times of the 9th April carries a report from Jerusalem that the newspapers there have "reported a spokesman for the permanent British delegation at Lake Success saying last Friday that Great Britain, though ready to consider any recommendations by the General Assembly (for Palestine), might not be bound by them".

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U.K. Del.

Dated

New York.

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12 April 1947

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Polish, Illegal Immigration.
 Refers to dispatch 128 (E1677/46/31). Notes
 that Polish question has been submitted
 to U.N. proper procedure to approach the
 Gen on lines indicated. Shows that for
 this purpose there is objection to his
 using information in present sentence of memo
 enclosed in dispatch; asks confirmation.

Last Paper.

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Tel. to New York.

References.

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FROM NEW YORK TO FOREIGN OFFICE

(From Permanent United Kingdom Representative to the
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No. 1139

D. 6.32 p.m. 10th April, 1947.

10th April, 1947.

R. 1.50 a.m. 11th April, 1947.

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IMPORTANT
GIANT
SECRET

Your despatch No. 128.

Illegal immigration into Palestine.

Now that Palestine question has been submitted to the United Nations I propose forthwith to approach Secretary General on lines indicated.

2. I presume that for this purpose there is no objection to my using information in first (repeat first) sentence of memorandum enclosed in your despatch. Please confirm.

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No. New York

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Important

your telegram no. 1139 [Palestine]
You may use the
information in the first sentence
of the memorandum on illegal
immigration ~~under~~ enclosed
in my dispatch no. 128.

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No. 1113

11th April 1947. D. 5.30 a.m. 12th April 1947.

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IMPORTANT.

Your telegram No. 1139 [Palestine].

You may use the information in the first sentence of the memorandum on illegal immigration enclosed in my despatch No. 128.

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TELEGRAM FROM

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L. A. Edegar

New York

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Political and U. A.

2/11/47 (E 3042/46/31) States it
seems clear that Zionist leaders are
using this as their major line of criticism
for having been subject to charges of Zionism
in similar vein in New York. Propaganda
springs directly from identical statements story
reported in New York Times 2038.

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We are not at present in a position
to make any effective rejoinder to this
propaganda. I think that we should find
an occasion to publish the draft declaration
of H.M.B.'s intentions, if and as soon as it is
approved by the Secretary of State and the
Cabinet. See also E 3046.

H. Bealey 12/4

News Dept.

U. A. Dept.

W. 12/4

I take it that it is not considered desirable
for News Dept to take this up informally with H.M.B.
as suggested in para 3 of attached telegram N. 2033 for
Washington, but to wait the publication of the declaration
of H.M.B.'s intentions. 27/12/47

I personally find it difficult to escape
Mr Bealey's conclusion. But it is worth noting
that, when talking to the Directors of Plans in other
Subjects this afternoon, that some had brought up (not
of me) and I found some apprehension at the idea
of

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G. L. Moore 28/6/48

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FROM NEW YORK TO FOREIGN OFFICE.

(From Permanent United Kingdom Representative to the United Nations.)

Sir A Cadogan,
No. 1140
10th April, 1947.

D: 6.47 p.m. 10th April, 1947

R: 1.50 a.m. 11th April, 1947

Repeated to Washington.

IMMEDIATE
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Your telegram 1097.

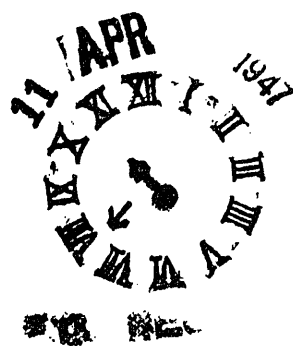
Palestine.

It seems clear that Zionist leaders on both sides of the Atlantic are now using this as their major line of criticism for we have been subject to a barrage of questions in a similar vein in New York.

2. The controversy springs directly from Herbert Matthews' untimely story from London reported in Washington telegram No. 2038 which has had an unfortunate effect here. In dealing with the many questions arising from Matthews' story we have merely pointed to the fact that the Assembly has only power to recommend and that countries are not legally bound to implement its recommendations. In this sense report quoted in your telegram under reference is accurate.

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U.K. Tel.
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11.4.47 Political Policy.
Repts 20 of 550 (E2738/46/31). Approves
formula contained in para. 3. Subject to
agreement of both sides. e.g. H.M.G. must
know our own position with regard
comping out themselves any policy which
general assembly may recommend.

Last Paper.

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(Minutes.)

References.

With one amendment the Secretary of State
approves the draft declaration contained in paragraph
3 of our telegram No. 550 (copy attached).

2. On the other hand, he does not wish a statement
to be made until after the Special Assembly has
appointed the proposed Committee. The grounds for
this delay are not altogether clear. It is probable,
furthermore, that the Secretary of State is not aware
of the Press campaign which is developing, no doubt
under Zionist guidance, as a result of rumours that
His Majesty's Government do not intend to accept any
recommendation by the Assembly which would have the
effect of weakening their strategic position in
Palestine (see especially New York telegram No. 1140).

3. This Press campaign may well affect the atmosphere
at the special session in New York, and it seems to
me likely that Sir Alexander Cadogan will be asked
for a statement on the attitude which His Majesty's
Government will adopt towards the recommendations
which they are asking the Assembly to make. The
British Delegation may be in an embarrassing position
if no such statement has previously been made and if
they are without authority to make it themselves.

4. The point of view of News Department and of
Press relations officers in New York and Washington
has also to be considered. Mr. Nash tells me that,
while he shares the misgivings expressed in New York
telegram No. 1150 (E 3097, attached) as to the use
which may be made of the reservation contained in
the draft statement, he is satisfied that on balance,
it would be wise to publish it.

5. If there is general agreement with these arguments,
I suggest that we should put them to the Secretary of
State.

[In the light of yesterday's
meeting, I have now prepared
the attached draft.]

Mr. Butler

U.K. Party

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32008 F.O.P.H. Beeley,
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Secretary of State

The Foreign Office have come round to our view that it is possible to bind ourselves in advance to accept the recommendations of the Assembly on the future status of Palestine, provided that the solution suggested by the Assembly is one of the three you mention in your speech in the House on 25th February. These are:-

- (a) an Arab State
- (b) a Jewish State, and
- (c) a division of authority between the two peoples.

Under (c) we can have either a unitary State providing for a balance between Arabs and Jews, or partition.

I think that the text of the proposed statement is all right except for the last phrase "of which they do not approve", which I personally do not like. I think this might mean that if the Assembly decided in favour of an Arab State and we felt we could not ourselves put this into effect, we would have to incur the odium of the Arabs by saying that we did not approve of Palestine being made an Arab State. I would therefore suggest amending this last sentence to read: "H.M.G. must however reserve their position with regard to carrying out themselves of any policy which the General Assembly may recommend".

It will be noticed that the Foreign Office have dropped their objection which they made in their telegram No.230, that by making a declaration in advance we should be contributing to the doctrine that there is some binding obligation to carry out Assembly recommendations in general.

My own feeling is that we should not make the declaration unless we are asked what our attitude is. It seems slightly dangerous to bind ourselves to anything in advance when the situation may change between now and September.

J. DeFrancesco

Tel. 011 231 1111

5th April, 1947.

5th April, 1947.

I agree with the amendment at *.

The Declaration should, I think, be held in reserve, & should be made at a suitable moment, which may not arrive until the 5 Discussion at the General Assembly has actually begun. There is certainly no need to make the Declaration until after the Special Assembly has appointed the proposed Committee.

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Following from Secretary of State for
Sir O. Sargent.

Your telegram No. 550.

I approve the formula contained in
paragraph 3, subject to the amendment to the
last sentence, which I think should read as
follows: Begins:

"H.M.G. must however reserve their
position with regard to carrying out
themselves any policy which the
General Assembly may recommend." Ends.

2. My reasons for this are that the last
sentence of your draft makes it appear that
only if we disapprove of the policy
recommended by the Assembly, can we refuse to
carry it out ourselves. There may be other
reasons, such as prohibitive expense, for not
wishing ourselves to implement these
recommendations, and I would therefore prefer
not to commit ourselves as far as the last
sentence of your formula would do. Moreover,
it occurs to me that, if, for example, the
Assembly were to decide in favour of, say,
an Arab State, we should not wish to incur
unpopularity with the Arab States by saying
that we disapproved of the recommendation
though we might not ourselves wish to put it
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3. I also think that the declaration should be held in reserve and should only be made at a suitable moment, which may not occur until the discussion at the General Assembly has actually begun. There is certainly no need to volunteer it at this stage or in any case to make it until after the Special Assembly has appointed the proposed Committee.

Assembly has appointed the proposed Committee
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Following from Secretary of State from
Sir O. Sargent.

Your telegram No. 550.

I approve the formula contained in paragraph 3 subject to amendment to last sentence which I think should read as follows.

[Begins]

"His Majesty's Government must however reserve their position with regard [carrying out] themselves any policy which the General Assembly may recommend". [Ends].

2. My reasons for this are that the last sentence of your draft makes it appear that only if we disapprove of the policy recommended by the Assembly, can we refuse to carry it out ourselves. There may be other reasons such as prohibitive expense for not wishing ourselves to implement these recommendations and I would therefore prefer not to commit ourselves as far as the last sentence of your formula would do. Moreover it occurs to me that if for example, the Assembly were to decide in favour of, say, an Arab State we should not wish to incur unpopularity with the Arab States by saying that we disapproved of the recommendation though we might not ourselves wish to put it into effect.

3. I also think that the declaration should be held in reserve and should only be made at a suitable moment which may not occur until discussion at the General Assembly had actually begun. There is certainly no need to volunteer it at this stage or in any case to make it until after Special Assembly has appointed proposed committee.

Foreign Office repeat to New York and Washington as my telegrams Nos. 16 and 158 respectively.

[Repeated to United Kingdom Delegation New York and Washington.]

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Following for Secretary of State from Sir O. Sargent.

2. I note that you do not wish the statement to be published until after the Special Session of the Assembly has appointed the proposed Committee. Since our telegram No. 550 reached you, however, there has been a new development. This is the appearance in the press of rumours, for which the New York Times has claimed the support of an unspecified "authoritative source" in London, to the effect that His Majesty's Government are determined not (repeat not) to accept any recommendation made by the Assembly which might have the affect of depriving us of our strategic position in Palestine.

3. This rumour, which some Zionists appear to be fostering, may affect the atmosphere of the Special Session. It seems quite likely that Sir A. Cadogan will be asked for a statement on the attitude which His Majesty's Government will adopt towards the recommendations which they are asking the Assembly to make. I think he would be in an embarrassing position if this question were put to him and he had no authority to answer it.

4. In view of the above consideration we have been wondering whether Sir A. Cadogan's opening speech in the Special Session might not provide the best opportunity for revealing the intentions of His Majesty's Government, as expressed in the Graft declaration. It would probably fall naturally into place in this speech, and would put an end to a great deal of suspicion without appearing to have been extorted from us by any form of pressure. If you approve of this proposal, we will submit it to the Cabinet together with the draft text.

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Your telegram No. 709.

Following for Secretary of State from Sir O. Sargent.

We now propose to submit to the Cabinet the draft declaration contained in our telegram No. 550, as amended in your paragraph 1.

2. I note that you do not wish the statement to be published until after the special session of the Assembly has appointed the proposed committee. Since our telegram No. 550 reached you however there has been a new development. This is the appearance in the press of rumours, for which the New York Times has claimed the support of an unspecified "authoritative source" in London, to the effect that His Majesty's Government are determined not (repeat not) to accept any recommendation made by the Assembly which might have the effect of depriving us of our strategic position in Palestine.

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has replied to it. All 25 have replied
affirmatively although the majority of
U.N. are agreed to let the
matter be left in peace.

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U.N. (Political) Dept.

The questions in para. 2 are all in
your province. May we ask you to take
this paper or draft a reply?

H. B. 12/4

I cannot help seeing that the
U.N. Commission is on the way and
are for reasons which I have seen
in the attached report. I am
sure that I think the U.N. should
be aware of this.

Mr. B. 14/4
Mr. E. 15/4

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(From Permanent United Kingdom Representative to United Nations)

No. 1148

D. 7.00 p.m. 11th April 1947

R. 2.55 a.m. 12th April 1947

11th April 1947

Repeated to Washington

Moscow

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Palestine.

Secretariat inform us that so far 25 members of United Nations have replied to telegram from Acting Secretary General contained in my telegram No. 1084 enquiring whether Governments concurred in proposal to summon Special Assembly. All 25 have replied affirmatively although Mr. Manuilsky on behalf of the Ukraine expressed the hope that Special Assembly might be held at Geneva. (Similar wish has also been expressed to me by Argentine representative here on the ground that Assembly in Geneva would be less open to Zionist pressure). Secretariat expect three further replies to come in tomorrow. Necessary majority will thus have been obtained and it is expected that further telegram will be despatched tomorrow convoking special session in New York for April 28th (April 27th which is the earliest day on which it could be convoked is a Sunday).

2. Secretariat ask for our views as to whether all main Committees should be set up by Assembly when it meets. In likely event of delegations being small the same delegates would have to serve on all Committees and discussion in Committee would simply be repeated in plenary session. It will however presumably be necessary to have a General Committee to deal with such questions as provisional agenda, possible additional items (Rule 35) and perhaps also extent of recognition to be granted to Jewish Agency; and General Committee itself under Rule 32 must consist in part of the Chairmen of the six main Committees. A possible but somewhat artificial course might be to elect Chairman of Main Committees and then to decide in General Committee that discussion on / Palestine....

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Palestine question should take place from first to last in plenary. This would be possible if Assembly made decision in this sense under Rule 109. It would have advantage that Committees would be in existence should it prove necessary to consider additional items.

3. All these questions are to be discussed by Secretariat at beginning of next week and they would accordingly be grateful to have as soon as possible any comments you may wish to make.

Foreign Office please pass to Moscow as my telegram No. 157.

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Sir A. Cadogan,
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to his that Rule 101
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Committee to which the
Palestine issue would
be referred (i.e. Committee
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GIANT.

Your telegram No. 1148 paragraph 2 [of
11th April].

Palestine.

We are strongly opposed to Special
Assembly setting up the six main Committees
provided for under Rule 101. We are ~~most~~
anxious that Assembly should confine itself
to the Palestine issue (as stated in Secretary-
General's notification in your telegram No.
1084); and we noticed with regret from your
telegram No. 1104 that some Secretariat
quarters apparently view with complacency
the prospect that other items might be
included on Agenda (though we agree that this
is technically possible under Rules 17 and 18).

1. On the assumption that ~~Palestine is~~ ^{it does so}
the sole matter to be taken on the Agenda,
appointment of the six main committees would
be farcical. ^{Further} ~~Let~~, if it were to be agreed
in advance, that the ^{committees} should be constituted,
people would at once begin to search for ways
and means to justify their existence and we
should thereby run the risk of seeing
additional items proposed on the Agenda. For
this reason we are not in favour of suggestion
mentioned in last three sentences of paragraph
2 of your telegram under reply. ~~It seems~~ ^{It seems}

2. On the other hand it is of course
clear that Special Assembly must have a
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Bureau to deal with Agenda and Procedural questions arising in course of Special Session. In order to get round difficulty presented by Rule 32 to which you allude, we suggest that Bureau of Special Assembly should be constituted of President and seven Vice-presidents who will have anyhow to be elected under Rule 26. Such a Bureau would itself be competent to decide on how far Assembly would meet in Plenary Session or as a Committee of the Whole (i.e. the Assembly sitting in private session) or whether at a given moment a specific issue would have to be referred to some ad hoc committee. Moreover, in the (we hope improbable) event of extra items being proposed for inclusion on the Agenda, such a Bureau could then decide whether the items in question called for the *setting up of any (or all) of the* committees listed under Rule 101 ~~and in the~~ *event of a affirmative decision, could recommend* ~~the constitution of the General Committee.~~

4. Unless you see very strong objection *by means of a majority* we hope that you will represent to the Secretary the desirability of proceeding on above lines.

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14th April 1947.

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GIANT.

Your telegram No. 1148 paragraph 2 [of 11th April].

Palestine.

We are strongly opposed to Special Assembly setting up the six main Committees provided for under Rule 101. We are anxious that Assembly should confine itself to the Palestine issue (as stated in Secretary-General's notification your telegram No. 1084): and on the assumption, that it does so, appointment of the six main committee's would be farcical. Further if it were to be agreed in advance, that the committees should be constituted, people would at once begin to search for ways and means to justify their existence and we should thereby run the risk of seeing additional items proposed on the Agenda. For this reason we are not in favour of suggestion mentioned in last three sentences of paragraph 2 of your telegram under reply. It seems to us that Rule 101 must be read as applying only to regular sessions (since in the present Special Assembly all that is required is the Committee to which the Palestine issue would prima facie go, i.e. Committee 4) and that for present purposes Rule 100 must be regarded as that which applies.

2. On the other hand it is of course clear that Special Assembly must have a Bureau to deal with Agenda and Procedural questions arising in course of Special Session. In order to get round difficulty presented by Rule 32 to which you allude, we suggest that Bureau of Special Assembly should be constituted of President and seven Vice-Presidents who will have anyhow to be elected under Rule 26. Such a Bureau would itself be competent to decide on how far Assembly would meet in Plenary Session or as a Committee of the Whole (i.e. the Assembly sitting in private session) or whether at a given moment a specific issue would have to be referred to some ad hoc committee. Moreover, in the (we hope improbable) event of extra items being proposed for inclusion on the Agenda, such a Bureau could then decide whether the items in question called for /the

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4. Unless you see very strong objection we hope that you will represent vigorously to the Secretariat at the desirability of proceeding on above lines.

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their point of view; so that it might
be seriously modified in its passage
through the Assembly.

I submit a draft telegram, in
which it is suggested: (a) that the
Embassy should seek to revise the State
Department's list; and (b) that if they
fail in that they should revert to the
earlier proposal for a committee of 26.

H.B. Bealey 14/4

M. Butler
14/iv.

Tel. initialed by Sir D. Sargent and sent.

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11th April 1947

Repeated to United Kingdom Delegation New York.

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IMPORTANT
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Your telegram No. 5398 paragraph 1.

Palestine and the United Nations.

It would be useful to know the definition of the word "neutral" which you would consider proper for the States to be named for the Committee of eleven should that proposal obtain your support.

2. One definition would presumably mean that the States chosen should, so far as possible, have open minds on the strict merits of the Zionist and Arab claims in Palestine. Subject to the views of United Kingdom Delegation New York, to whom this telegram is being repeated, it seems to us here that among the States suggested by the State Department, Brazil, Mexico, and certainly the Philippines, would follow the United States lead without concerning themselves over much about the merits of the case and would tend to reflect any partiality which the United States Government might evince in response to Zionist pressure. For Latin America, Colombia, Peru or Costa Rica or Salvador would seem more impartial choices. Siam would also appear to be a better choice than the Philippines.

3. Another definition of "neutral" would take account of the attitude of the countries concerned towards Britain herself in the wider context of international relations or on considerations of "colour". In the State Department list, India, Czechoslovakia and Poland might on past form be likely to oppose any solution which they thought His Majesty's Government would prefer, while Persia, Sweden or Norway, Belgium and Siam would be doubtful. Although Canada, New Zealand, Turkey and Denmark would probably be friendly, it seems to us, taking both definitions of "neutral" into account, that there would probably be a majority in the present State.....

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4. Although these considerations are doubtless already present to your mind I venture to draw attention to them because I think that if we decide to press for modifications in the State Department's list we should be wise to do so at a fairly early stage. Otherwise we may find that their thinking has crystallised and even that they have in some degree committed themselves towards some of their prospective candidates.

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[Transposed
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MB.

Your telegram No. 2194 Palestine and
the United Nations 7.

We assume that the elected committee of
eleven members is still the State Department's
first preference.

We agree with the definition of neutrality
suggested in the first sentence of your paragraph
2, and with your view that there are objections
to the State Department's list.

2. In discussing the proposed committee of
eleven with the State Department, ^{our intention} ~~we should~~
^{or} ~~therefore like you~~ to suggest the inclusion of
two of the Latin-American states you mention
in place of Brazil and Mexico, and to express
strong preferences for Siam over the Philippines
and for Denmark over India.

3. ^{In any case} ~~No doubt whether the Russians~~ ^{would} agree
to be represented on the committee by the two
members of their group who are on this question
~~most likely to take an independent line~~ ^{we}
~~must, therefore, expect that the list would~~ ^{be}
undergo further revision in the Assembly itself.

5. We hope that, while showing readiness to
discuss in detail the proposal for a small elected
committee, you will not let the alternative
suggestion drop out of sight. ~~The~~ committee of
twenty-six would have the great advantage that
its membership is automatically determined and

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hence could not give rise to dispute. If you find difficulty in agreeing with the State Department upon the composition of the smaller body, you should urge them to give further consideration to the merits of their original proposal. You will have noted that S.P.S. is himself in favor

of the larger body.

4. You will see from Moscow telegram ~~to~~ us No. 711 that the Secretary of State asks for an opportunity of commenting on the list of states to be nominated **for** the committee of eleven. ~~before any agreement is concluded on~~

~~that basis~~ We are therefore repeating present tel. and your tel. and reply to S.P.S. and you shd. not repeat ~~not~~ take any action in sense of para. 2 ~~and~~ above until his comments have been received.

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Your telegram No. 2194 [Palestine and the United Nations.]

We assume that the elected committee of eleven members is still the State Department's first preference. We agree with the definition of neutrality suggested in the first sentence of your paragraph 2, and with your view that there are objections to the State Department's list.

2. In discussing the proposed committee of eleven with the State Department, our inclination would therefore be to suggest the inclusion of two of the Latin-American states you mention in place of Brazil and Mexico, and to express strong preferences for Siam over the Philippines and for Denmark over India.

3. In any case we must expect the list to undergo revision in the Assembly itself.

4. You will see from Moscow telegram No. 711 that the Secretary of State asks for an opportunity of commenting on the list of states to be nominated for the committee of eleven. We are therefore repeating present telegram and your telegram under reply to Secretary of State and you should not (repeat not) take any action in sense of paragraph 2 above until his comments have been received.

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While would have preferred longer notice
 given that Lord Ruckelshaus should be authorized
 to offer our support for action proposed
 or understanding that it is just forward
 by U.S. should however, certainly want
 further opportunity of communicating on that of other
 to be moderated by committee.

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See E 3094

References.

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Your telegram No 2461 [9
April 24. Palestine and the
United Nations].

Secretary of State has indicated ~~that~~ we would be prepared to support ~~the~~ proposal for either the larger or the smaller committee on the understanding that proposal is put forward by the United States (No. 711). We have nothing to add on this point.

2. Secretary of State has not commented on possible members of the smaller committee, and you may put forward our comments as

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as views expressed on
departmental level, and
suggest that further detailed
discussions can be left to
our delegations at New York.



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Your telegram No. 2461 [of April 24th: Palestine and the United Nations].

Secretary of State has indicated that we would be prepared to support proposal for either the larger or the smaller committee on the understanding that proposal is put forward by the United States (Moscow telegram No. 711). We have nothing to add on this point.

2. Secretary of State has not commented on possible members of the smaller committee, and you may put forward our comments as views expressed on departmental level, and suggest that further detailed discussions can be left to our delegations at New York.

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Refer New York tel 1140 (E3064/46/31)
 which was partly due to publicity aspect
 of our case. But no question was made
 in New York tel 436 that H.1116 might
 be long in advance their readiness to
 abide by valid recommendations of the
 Assembly. Resumes tel E 3064/46/31.

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See minutes on E 3092

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Mr. M. Peterson
Moscow.

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14 April 1947
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Palestine, Soviet attitude.

Report New York Tel 609 (E 1641/46/31)
Soviet attitude Russians will figure prominently
in discussion. Their attitude will probably show
A) their increasing tendency to come down on
the Arab side. B) intention to link America
with Britain as seeking to impose the Arab
upon the Arabist strategic situation.

Last Paper.

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Para. 2. I have not seen a record of
this talk. Was there discussion of Palestine
on the Middle East?

Northeyn Dept.

H.B. 15/4

La N4163/271/G attached.

J. Brindley
17/4/47.

H.B. 18/4

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New York

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Message from Leo Gera informs that
majority of members have concurred in
request of U.N. to summon special session
of General Assembly. Special session will
open Monday April 28 at New York.
has list of provisional agenda.

Last Paper.

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References.

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U.N. Political Dept.

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8) M.S. Bradbury,
H.S. 34, E.O.
with New York 1181
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GIANT 11111

Following received from Secretary General
telegram No. 24 of 13th April.

(Begins)

Kindly bring following to attention your
Government:

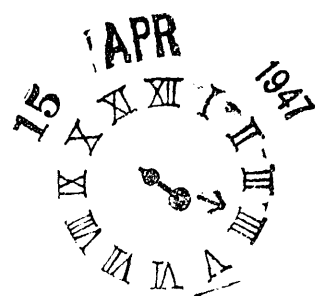
(Begins)

Have honour inform you that a majority of members
have today concurred in the request of United Kingdom
to summon a special session of General Assembly. In
accordance with Rules 3 and 8 of provision rules of
procedure of General Assembly I hereby notify you
that special session will open on Monday 28th April
1947 at 11 a.m. in General Assembly Hall, Flushing
Meadows, New York City.

Provisional agenda of special session follows:

1. Opening of session by Chairman of Belgian
Delegation.
2. Election and report of Credentials Committee.
3. Election of President.
4. Organisation of the Session.
5. Adoption of agenda.
6. Constituting and instructing Special Committee
to prepare for consideration of the question of Palestine
at second Regular Session.

(Ends).



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Palatins and U.N.
 1615s. Secretariat have requested number
 of documents before meeting of Assembly Apr 1
 28. Give list of most immediate
 requirements. Longer list to follow.

Last Paper.

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L.L. New York.

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18 April

S. Matheson

B.L.

April 22.

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(Minutes.)

Send Press Memorandum to L.C. (Mr.
 Matheson).

Mr. Matheson tells me that this
 material will have to be obtained from
 Jerusalem. He will telegraph them at
 once, and when we receive a copy of his
 telegram we will let New York know
 what is being done.

Tel. to New York.

H. Beeley 17/4

H.B. 18/4

In P.P. B.O. tel 750 17/4

H.B. 23/4

In P.P. B.O. letter to Fitzgerald. 22/4

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FROM NEW YORK TO FOREIGN OFFICE

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No.1166
15th April, 1947.

D. 12.45 p.m. 15th April, 1947.

R. 8.45 p.m. 15th April, 1947.

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IMPORTANT

Palestine.

Secretariat have requested a number of documents
which they wish to have on hand before the meeting of
the Assembly on 28th April. List of more immediate
requirements follow:

1 copy Palestine blue book. 1926/27 and continuation
(particularly 1936, 1937, 1938 and any later issues). 1
copy statistics of migration for the year 1940 and
continuation 3 copies Palestine government. A survey of
Palestine prepared in December 1945 and January 1946
for the information of the Anglo-American Committee of
Inquiry 1946. 2.V. 1 copy laws, statutes, etc., ordinances,
rules, orders and notices, 1939 and continuation. 1 copy
office of statistics. Special bulletin, No.1 and
continuation. (Especially No.3 of 1939. Fertility of
marriage in Palestine and No.21 of 1944. Survey of social
and economic conditions in Arab villages). 2 copies
statistical abstract 1940 and continuation. 1 copy general
monthly bulletin of current statistics. April-September
1942, April 1946 and continuation. 1 copy supreme court.
Law reports 1939 and continuation. 3 copies map of
Palestine. 1:100,000 12 sheets. 2 copies map of Palestine.
1:250,000.

2. Longer list follows by air bag. I shall be
grateful if you can give above list and that being sent
by air bag your prompt attention sending the documents
requested in the first list by air bag.

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FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO NEW YORK

(To Permanent United Kingdom Representative to
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18th April, 1947.

D. 10.21 p.m. 18th April, 1947.

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Your telegram No.1166 [Palestine and the United Nations].

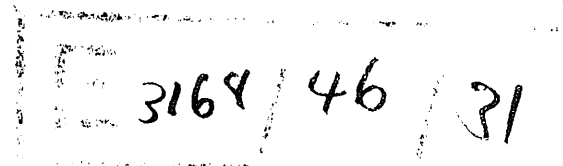
The Colonial Office will supply a few of the documents requested by the Secretariat. Spare copies of the majority are not available in London, and Jerusalem have been asked to send these to you by air.

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Eastern Revision

1. Please find herewith 1 copy of Palestine Government's Ordinances and Regulations for years 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, and 1944, as requested by Permanent United Kingdom Delegation to U.N. in New York (New York telegram to F.O. No.1166 of 15th April). *E 3168 / 46 / 31*
2. A copy of Defence (Emergency) Regulations 1945 is also included.
3. A schedule of volumes is enclosed.
4. Please arrange for onward transmission to New York.

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 Downing Street,
 S. W. 1.

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1945 Defence (Emergency) Regulations.

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Please find herewith:

A. 10 copies of Report of Palestine Royal Commission
1937 (Cmd. 5749)

10 copies of Report of Palestine Partition
Commission 1938 (Cmd. 5854).

10 copies of White Paper 1939 (Cmd. 6019).

10 copies of Anglo-American Committee of Enquiry
1946 (Cmd. 6808).

10 copies of White Paper on proposals for the
future of Palestine (Cmd. 7044).

(F.O. telegram to New York No. 1068 of 3rd April and
New York telegram to F.O. 1117 of 8th April refers.)

B. 3 copies of a Survey of Palestine 1945
(Vols. I and II).

3 copies of 1/100,000 map of Palestine (12 sheets).

3 copies of 1/250,000 map of Palestine.

(New York telegram to F.O. No. 1166 of 15th April refers)

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2. It would be appreciated if onward transmission to U.K. Delegation to U.N., New York could be arranged.

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- 4) A. M. Lee.
- 5) Leon Bidd
- 6) L. W. Hepperman.
- 7) L. W. Hiteison
- 8) M. B. Pachino.
- 9) Ben Miller
- 10) R. B. P. Luebach.

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N. A. (common document) 12 Apr. (1-3-4)

I think we will still lack common document in this respect.

C. E. Luebach.
1874.

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Western Dept. (no. 5)
N. A. Dept. (no. 4)

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Long Beach, N.Y.
March 25, 1947

Hon. Clement Attlee
Prime Minister
London, England

Dear Sir:

On September 5, 1946, I wrote you in reference to the Jewish problem in Palestine. Up to date you have not had the common decency to answer me. In all the years that England has had the Mandate over Palestine the Jews were treated and are being treated worse than under the regime of Hitler and his stooges. There remains 1,500,000 Jews in Europe today, mostly in concentration camps who cannot enter Palestine to live a useful life because of British suppression but a non Jew is allowed to enter at will. 250,000 Poles from Gen. Anders Army can be given British citizenship but not the Jews, I ask you why? If the Poles can get special treatment then surely these European Jews should be given the privilege to migrate to Palestine to avoid the Anti-Semitism prevailing over the entire continent of Europe, including the British Isles. The bitter memories of the gas chambers and incinerators at Auschwitz and Ravensbruck where millions of Jews perished are certainly enough memories for the remaining survivors, and you should help instead of destroy a galant race, why don't you help a homeless and tormented race who are striving to live a useful life away from terror and strife. Allow them to work out their own destiny, and in the long run a Jew will be a better friend to England than England is to the oppressed Jews. Acts of Rape, Arson and murder are committed against the Jews and the culprits are allowed to go scott free or are given light sentences, you are following the same tactics as Nazi Germany. The top Officials of your government are out and out Jew-Baiters and I can mention Anthony Eden who is the Brain child of the Arab League and your Labor stooge Ernest Bevin. I hope and pray to the Lord that England will be on her knees again someday and get the same treatment the Jews are getting to-day, this to answer for her sins against the Jews.

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England has written nothing but Anti-Semitic laws in Palestine not a penny is allocated for Jewish School systems, Jews are discriminated against in buying land and in obtaining public employment, arms and ammunition are sold to the Arabs and - everything possible is being done to hinder the wandering Jew. Why don't you follow the directives of the Anglo-American - Committee on Palestine and allow 100,000 Jews immediate entry into Palestine, don't try to bluff the world by referring the matter to the United Nations. Give the Jews their Liberty at once and show the world that England is humane after all. Don't put out misleading stories about the Jews, they fought along side you Britishers and done alright for themselves, they helped save your necks, now save theirs. The Jews and Arabs can get along nicely if the British will not provoke the Arabs with misleading falsehoods. As you have noticed by this letter that I have not pulled my punches, and that I have nothing but scorn for the British - that lead their empire in their shameful and disgusting manner of treating their fellow human beings.

I shall however take the liberty of thanking you if you will give my fellow Jews the Liberty and Happiness they so right - fully deserve, also that you can answer this letter and enlighten me on what you intend to do on the Palestine question.

Yours Respectfully

David Klabin
P.O. Box 632
Long Beach, N.Y.

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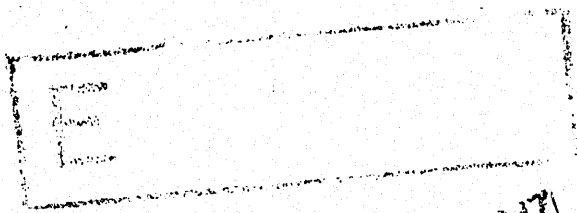
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Box 664,
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Los Angeles (53),
Cal.

March 24th 1947.

The Foreign Minister,
Ernest Bevin Esq.,
London,
England.

Mr. Bevin -
Dear Sir,

We British have been
noted (throughout the course of history) for
our love for justice and "fair play" - not
alone for ourselves but for others also.

Surely Britain can not have
become so decadent that she is unwilling
or unable to extend her help and protection
to any or all who look to her for such
aid - in order to maintain their very ex-
istence - merely because other nations
threaten to withdraw their own support
or financial assistance for our country
should we insist upon upholding our

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Oh! Mr. Bevin! because we English hold our ~~own~~ home-land dearer than life, should we not, therefore, be the first to help these poor, most cruelly-treated people

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in history. To go back to the land which God Himself promised them was to be their home. (If we need a selfish motive as an inducement to do this, did not our mutual God promise that He would bless all who should help His Chosen people; and equally, a curse would come upon those who would harm the Jews. It was not for nothing that it was the British who released Jerusalem from the Turks!)

Once again, I beseech you to
help all the Jews to return to Palestine
with all possible speed.

May I add that you have my personal admiration for the strength of your character, and your determination to do what is best for our beloved country's interests.

May God keep you, and help
you always to uphold England's HONOUR,
as well as, interests.

Sincerely yours,

A most loyal Englishman,
A. V. Vorn.

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129 East 121st St.,
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March 9, 1947.

F/O

Prime Minister Attlee,

Dear Sir: -

The enclosed

letter appeared in the

Brooklyn Citizen.

I thought you might like
to see it.

Sincerely yours
Allen M. See.

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Blast for Bevin

To the Editor

Sir—A school boy could run the Foreign Office of Britain better than Bevin does. He is no honor to his people. The only good he can confer upon them is to resign. The longer he stays in office the more contempt will he achieve for his government. The recent revolt against him by 100 members in Parliament is not only symptomatic of the way many in England feel toward him, but of the way many in other lands feel toward him.

We need go no further than his speech on Feb. 25 in order to see what a poor asset he is to his country in particular and to humanity in general. In his speech he insults not only the President of America but the intelligence of the whole civilized world. He attributes to selfish motives the commendable suggestion of Pres. Truman that 100,000 Jewish refugees be allowed to enter the Holy Land. He calls it an election stunt.

Yet every intelligent person knows that what Truman said on Oct. 4, 1946 with regard to Palestine was not only a repetition of what he said on Aug. 31, 1945, a long time before the election, but a confirmation of

the unanimous decision by the Anglo-American Commission.

Now if selfish motives were behind Truman's recommendation, then what, pray, were the motives behind the decision of the Anglo-American Commission? This commission was sponsored by Bevin himself.

Even if the above suggestion had been made by none but Truman during an election campaign what's wrong about that? The only thing wrong about an election promise is a failure to live up to it the way Bevin is doing.

Before his election Bevin and the whole Labor Party denounced the White Paper as a "cynical breach of pledges." They even gave the world to understand that as soon as they were elected they would expunge this terrible blot from the British escutcheon. But no sooner were they clothed with power than they began to spit upon their own promises.

Yet nothing goes unpunished. "The mills of the gods grind slowly, but they grind exceedingly small." All that's happening in England today is, to my mind, nothing but divine punishment for her putting oil above honor and Mammon above God.

Far be it from me to want

for roughness in solemn pledges, intercepting harmless ships carrying innocent men, women and children, blotting out their lives and their hopes, while allowing such pro-Nazi marauders as Emil el Hussein, Kawukji and others of their kind to go undisturbed wherever they please?

Churchill may have his faults, but he is by far more far-sighted than Bevin and many of his colleagues. As far back as 1939 he said:

"Long before those five years are past, either there will be a Britain which knows how to keep her word on the Balfour declaration and is not afraid to do so, or, believe me, we shall find ourselves relieved of many over-sea responsibilities other than those comprised within the Palestine mandate."

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Third Order Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Third Order Secular of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel will take place at the National Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Scapular of Mt. Carmel, No. 338 East Twenty-ninth Street, Manhattan, Sunday, March 1, at 3:30 p. m. A meeting of officers and committees will be held one hour earlier and the novices will assemble fifteen minutes before the general meeting for the monthly instruction in the Rule by the master of novices.

Churches of Christ, Scientist

"Man" will be the Lesson-Sermon subject for Sunday.
Golden Text: "As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God (Romans 8:14.)
Sermon: From the King James Version of the Bible Micah 6:6,8.

ceeded on Oct. 30, 1941 by Father C. M. Weitekamp.

In 1915, during World War I, Father Grieff established the Passion Play which has been staged annually ever since during the Lenten season.

The entire parish participates in some way—many people who through life-long devotion to the subject have developed a technique in this particular field. The rich costumes, beautiful electrical effects and stage settings, all historically correct, together with the impressive music, tend to impart an atmosphere of peace and reverence, said Father Weitekamp.

The play opens with Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday followed by "The Last Supper." After this the Saviour of the world is shown being dragged before three different judicial powers: the high priests; the Roman governor, Pontius Pilate, and Herod, King of Galilee. Finally, Judas, the traitor, delivers his Master into the hands of the blood thirsty mob who in turn bring their prisoners before the tribunal of the high priests, and then to Pilate and Herod only to be condemned and crucified. The play closes with several tableaux showing the actual way of the cross and the Resurrection.

All phases of commercialism are eliminated from the Passion Play. The proceeds of the entire season will be devoted to charity and education. The work of the players is gratis.

General subject will be "Five Unknown Sacraments." The program may be heard at 11:0 a. m., every Sunday, broadcast by the American Broadcast Company, in cooperation with the National Council of Catholic Men.

Interracial Lecture

The Brooklyn Catholic Interracial Council will sponsor a lecture on "The Catholic Teacher and Race Relations" by Miss Mary McGinnis, principal of New Dorp High School, Staten Island, at No. 191 Joralemon street, on Monday, at 8:15 p. m. The lecture will be part of the Institute for Interracial Justice series.

Forum Speaker

The Rev. William J. Smith, S.J., pioneer in the labor school movement in the Diocese of Brooklyn, will be the speaker at the third in the series of Forum Talks on Public Morality to be given at Columbus Club, No. 1 Prospect Park West, on Sunday evening at 8 o'clock.

Father Smith, after his ordination to the priesthood, was engaged in the work of student guidance at Canisius High School, Buffalo, and Brooklyn Preparatory School. He then inaugurated the labor school movement here in 1937; since that time he has been actively engaged in the field of industrial relations in all its phases. He is director of Crown Heights Associated Activities, which comprises

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DEAR MR. ATTREE;

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Let Mr. Bern put the blame on
you for not only speaking for the Jews
but also for helping them. By doing this you
shall gain for your country a valuable
ally without whom, you may have lost
the war. Tel Hai!

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Weekly Newsletter dedicated to the ideals of Rosh Betar Jabotinsky

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Katzin Hanetzivut Krakow

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BEVIN BLAMES HIS FAILURE ON TRUMAN

In a bitter statement on Palestine yesterday, Bevin accused the U.S. of hindering a solution of the Palestine problem and charged American Jews with influencing the Jewish Agency not to attend the recent London Conference. Opening a full-dress debate in the House of Commons, Bevin said that Jewish immigration into Palestine could have been increased, and an agreement with the Jewish Agency could have been reached, if America had not pressed Britain to admit 100,000 Jews. He advised the U.S. to recognize the fact that Britain is the Mandatory and has certain responsibilities in Palestine. He also said that Britain would not necessarily be bound by a U.N. decision.

Bevin's statement presented a distortion of the terms of the Palestine Mandate, and ignored the Anglo-American Convention of 1924 which forbids Britain to change or violate the terms of the Mandate without the consent of the U.S. Bevin's announcement that he was close to an agreement with the Jewish Agency when the American demand came "and upset things," if it is true, does not speak well for the Jewish Agency's fidelity to Zionism.

Mr. Bevin made clear a few things:

a. He does not intend to bring the Palestine question to the U.N. He will most probably call, before the session of the U.N. in September, another conference of Jews and Arabs and will try to postpone the whole problem again.

b. Mr. Bevin does not want to understand our problem, and he openly declared himself on the side of the Arabs.

It is therefore clear to us that we have nothing to look for in England and nothing to expect from this or any other British government. Every liberal person and every open-minded journalist has already come out saying that the future of our people will be decided not by those who are begging at the office of Mr. Bevin but by those who are fighting in Palestine.

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April 18th, 1947

Prime Minister Ernest Bevin
10 Downing Street
London, England.

Honorable Sir:

I am not a Zionist. And this is a personal protest, sent on my behalf, and my many friends and associates, who are also not Zionists.

We look with great hope towards the Labor Government in England for the solution of so many of the conflicts and problems that exist in the world today in general, and in England in particular. How shocked we are over your Palestine policy, is something which you undoubtedly must know, although you apparently are not interested in world opinion. More shocking than anything is the ruthless execution of Gruner and the other young Jews at this time, an action which is obviously taken by you, not only to punish these people, but as a signal and symbol to the world.

This protest will mean little or nothing to you. But I assure you that in the homes of many hundreds of thousands, in fact, many millions in the United States, the protest and same sentiments expressed here are common.

Very truly yours,

H. William Fitelson
H. WILLIAM FITELSON

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 Do you sleep ~~night~~ (How)
 is your conscience feeling these days?
 If your conscience is not feeling 120
 very well it is because of what
 you are doing the Jews in
 Palestine and the Jews all over the
 world.

Why don't you allow
 Palestine to become a Jewish
 state? you can if you want to.
 I assure you life for you and
 Great Britain would be much
 easier, you can call off the
 martial law the Jews in
 Palestine are now enduring.

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 questions first instead of shooting
 and then asking questions? Is
 this human?!! I will answer you
 in one word, NO!!!

The Jews did not start
 this undeclared war, you, the
 British started it. The Jewish
 underground promised that every
 Jewish life taken would be
 avenged. They kept their
 promise, why don't you keep
 yours? By this I mean your
 pre-election promises.

If you remember, in the Old
 Testament, in the book of Exodus,

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you can do many things to help the Jew in Palestine, and if you would, God will reward you. you British are not very much better than the Nazis! Several weeks ago, while martial law was in practice, a man ran out into the street. your soldiers wounded him and his wife, and killed their little daughter. The soldiers claim that the girl was in front of the father. If the girl was in front of the father, couldn't the soldiers walk over and ask

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Moses went to Pharaoh and asked him to let the Jews go out of Egypt. Pharaoh answered yes, but then he said no. I am comparing you to Pharaoh. you said yes before, but now you say no, you are now being plagued as the Egyptians of old, you can see for yourself the first few plagues. Just look outside and see what is happening to England. People are starving, freezing, and even dying, you are having floods, you had terrible snow-storms. This proves that God

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hasn't forgotten his people. ¹²⁵ He
 is now punishing you for
 persecuting them. In the end
 the Jews will win Palestine, but
 not because of the Balfour
 Declaration, but because of a
 "declaration" a million times
 better. This "declaration" is in
 our Five Books of Moses, in the
 first book, Genesis. In several
 chapters in Genesis, God
 promised Palestine to
 Abraham, Isaac, and

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April 8, 1947

How. Clement Attlee, Prime Minister
London, England

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Dear Mr. Atlee,

At This Easter season I know the thoughts of all good and true Christians dwell upon Jesus and His teachings of love for one's fellow-man. He only stressed the good of man - kindness, helpfulness, suffering and forgiveness. All Jews, too, remember Easter as a time of freedom from slavery and bondage and cruelty. Freedom from the yoke of a Pharaoh.

Has the thought occurred to you that in this day when God's handiwork is not as apparent to the mortal eye as in ancient days, ~~the~~ no doubt is still running this sorry world. Perhaps the tragic things happening to Great Britain are akin to the

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ten plagues that befell Pharaoh of Egypt. Surely the trip-hammer blows that have been hitting England have been greater and more concentrated than any others which happened during the past history of your country.

Why not heed the cry from the few million souls of remaining Jewry to "let our people go". They only want to tread the road of freedom, even as you and your countrymen - even as Mr. Bevin.

God did not delegate England the right to enslave; or disperse; or destroy any people. Nor did Germany receive any such right - nor Japan. Where are they today.

Or perhaps you, and Mr. Bevin and your foreign office don't believe in God - only in England.

Respectfully
Ben Miller

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